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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

Stanley C. Tanner, Chairman	Milton
John J. Duffy, Clerk	Somersworth
Lucien G. Paradis	Rochester

SOLICITOR

John M. Brant	Barrington
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SHERIFF

Wilfred J. Pare	Somersworth
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Richard H. Keefe	Dover
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JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

Leonard C. Hardwick	Rochester
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

Ethel G. Waldron	Dover
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

Anna M. Dube	Rollinsford
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TREASURER

Leo Cormier	Rochester
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MEDICAL REFEREE

George G. McGregor, M. D.	Durham
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SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME AND JAIL

John Lepene	Farmington
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MATRON

Hattie Lepene	Farmington
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CHAPLAINS

Rev. J. A. Turgeon	Dover
Rev. Robert T. Wessel	Somersworth

PHYSICIAN

John L. Hartigan, M. D.	Rochester
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AUDITORS

Gilman H. Twombly	Dover
Raymond V. Jones, Jr.	East Rochester

STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION

Roy V. Swain, Chairman	Barrington
Raymond H. Chase	Ward 1 Dover
W. Raymond Stackpole	Ward 1 Dover
Paul G. Karkavelas	Ward 2 Dover
Joseph Marcotte, Jr.	Ward 2 Dover
William N. Shaheen	Ward 2 Dover
Levi V. Felker	Ward 3 Dover
Carroll E. Fellows	Ward 3 Dover
James Carroll*	Ward 4 Dover
Harley A. Crandall	Ward 4 Dover
Charles H. Locke	Ward 4 Dover
Emmet J. Flanagan	Ward 5 Dover
Oren V. Henderson*	Durham
Carl C. Blanchard	Farmington
Ned L. Parker	Farmington
Frank I. Caldwell	Lee
Madbury	Not entitled
Middleton	Not entitled
John E. Horne	Milton
William E. Smith*	New Durham
Ernest L. Rolfe	Ward 1 Rochester
Margaret E. Dustin, Clerk	Ward 2 Rochester
Fred Maxfield	Ward 2 Rochester
Barbara Winters	Ward 3 Rochester
Alphonse Lacasse	Ward 4 Rochester
Angeline M. Gilbert St. Pierre	Ward 4 Rochester
Norma M. Studley	Ward 5 Rochester
Llewellyn F. Fernald	Ward 6 Rochester
Charles F. Leach	Ward 6 Rochester
Fred L. Green	Rollinsford
Placide J. Lagueux	Ward 1 Somersworth
Edward G. Letourneau	Ward 2 Somersworth

*Deceased

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR
THE YEAR 1952

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Strafford County Delegation was held at the Strafford County Court House at 3 o'clock with the three County Commissioners: Stanley C. Tanner, Chairman, John J. Duffy, Clerk, and Lucien G. Paradis.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Roy V. Swain, Chairman, Ned Parker, Harley Crandall, Llewellyn Fernald and Emmet Flanagan. Absent was Leo Cater.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering various items on the estimated budget for 1952 and any other business which may come up.

The following motions were made:

Rep. Crandall made the motion that the janitor's pay be increased from \$50 a week to \$60. Seconded by Rep. Flanagan. Passed.

Rep. Flanagan made the motion that the County Commissioners and County Treasurer borrow \$35,000 in anticipation of taxes for the months of January and February. Seconded by Rep. Parker. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,

Clerk.

MARIE L. EDIN,

Clerk, pro-tem.

BUDGET MEETING

January 29, 1952

The Strafford County Delegation met with three County Commissioners along with other Strafford County officials to consider the proposed budget for 1952. Invited guests present included Mayor Romeo St. Laurent of Somersworth and Maurice J. Murphy of Dover. A turkey dinner served at 12 o'clock preceded the meeting.

Chairman Roy V. Swain called the meeting to order at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Crandall introduced a motion that an additional \$600 appropriation be granted the Registry of Deeds for the purpose of covering (with a suitable covering) as many books as possible. Any surplus from the \$1,600 that Mrs. Dube might save shall be applied toward the covering of books. The roll was called with the following members voting in favor of the motion: Chase, Shaheen, Fellows, Crandall, Flanagan, Caldwell, La-gueux, Letourneau, Cater, Malley and Brown. A lengthy discussion followed. The motion made by Mr. Crandall was again considered with Mr. Flanagan seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Photostating service brought in \$175 for the County in 1951. Representatives suggested that this service be made known to interested citizens.

Mr. Shaheen moved that the \$7,000 requested for Care and Supplies of the Court House be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Stackpole. Following a lengthy discussion the motion was passed.

Following a detailed-report given by County Agent, Eloi Adams on the costs of the Farm, Mr. Cater

made the recommendation that copies of the report be made for members of the delegation.

In considering Outlay for New Construction and Equipment, Commissioner Paradis advised the delegation that an estimate of \$5,000 had been received on the new milk room and equipment. The estimate was received on the outside plan (new building). Mr. Parker moved that the \$5,000 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. The roll was called with the following members voting in favor of the motion: Chase, Stackpole, Shaheen, Crandall, Flanagan, Blanchard, Parker, Caldwell, Smith, Rolfe, Maxfield, Green, Lagueux, Letourneau, Cater, Malley and Brown. Passed.

County Agent, Eloi Adams explained, to the delegation, the work that is done under County Extension Service. Speaking for this service were Messrs. Cater, Swain and Brown.

Mr. Parker moved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow up to \$270,000 in anticipation of taxes. This includes the \$35,000 already borrowed on temporary loan. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown moved that the Supt. and his wife be complimented for the way they are carrying on the County Home. Seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Passed.

Mr. Fernald recommended that more action be taken regarding the Totally Disabled Bill in that hospital facilities, etc., should be obtained in order that Strafford County may come under the Bill.

Chairman, Swain adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p. m. with the Public Hearing to be held on February 4 at 7:30 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,
Clerk.

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk, pro-tem.

The following members of the delegation were present at the meeting: Swain, Chase, Stackpole, Marcotte, Shaheen, Fellows, Crandall, Flanagan, Blanchard, Parker, Caldwell, Smith, Rolfe, Maxfield, Fernald, Green, Lagueux, Letourneau, Cater, Malley, Locke and Brown.

PUBLIC HEARING

February 4, 1952

At 7:30 p. m. the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for 1952 was called to order by Strafford County Chairman, Roy V. Swain.

The following members of the Delegation were present: Swain, Stackpole, Karkavelas, Shaheen, Fellows, Crandall, Locke, Flanagan, Winters, Lacasse and Green. The three County Commissioners were also present.

Walter Keays and Rexford Bumford both of Dover questioned various items such as the new milk room listed under Outlay for New Construction, Care and Supplies for Court House and the Rochester Commissioners office. Commissioners Tanner and Paradis answered the various questions.

Rexford Bumford and Walter Keays requested that their names be recorded as being in favor of the \$10 raise for the janitor.

Inasmuch as a quorum was not present another meeting of the delegation was called for Monday, February 11 at 8 o'clock for final approval of the budget.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,
Clerk.

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk, pro-tem.

On February 11, 1952 the Strafford County Delegation met at the County Court House at Dover.

The purpose of the meeting was to act on the budget for 1952.

The following members were present: Chairman Swain, Stackpole, Karkavelas, Marcotte, Shaheen, Felker, Crandall, Locke, Flanagan, Dustin, Maxfield, Winters, Lacasse, St. Pierre, Fernald, Green, Lagueux, Coffin, Cater, Malley and Brown.

An additional \$600 added to the budget at the January 29th meeting of the delegation came under fire. (The appropriation was made for the Register of Deeds for the recovering of old record books.) A motion to delete the \$600 led to an extended debate, following which the move was defeated by a vote of 12 to 7. An argument also developed over the \$5,000 proposed for the construction of an outside milk room at the County Farm. It was finally approved with a proviso that Chairman Roy V. Swain appoint a committee of three members of the delegation to cooperate with the County Commissioners in the construction of the milk room—cost of which is not to exceed \$5,000. The delegation chairman named the following to serve on this committee: James F. Malley of Somersworth, Albert H. Brown of Strafford and Llewellyn F. Fernald of Rochester.

Meeting adjourned.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,
Clerk.

April 15, 1952

The following members of the Executive Committee met at the Strafford County Home at 2:30 p. m.

with the three County Commissioners: Emmet Flanagan, Llewellyn Fernald, Ned Parker, Roy Swain, Harley Crandall and Leo Cater. Mr. Omer DeRoy, Overseer of the Poor for the City of Somersworth, was also present.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the possibility of having the County Home licensed as an infirmary and the new welfare law regarding the totally and permanently disabled. Present to discuss these items with the Commissioners and the Executive Committee were Mr. Lester K. Billings of the State Department of Health and Mr. Jame Barry, Commissioner of Public Welfare.

Mr. Barry gave a detailed explanation of the new welfare laws, Alien Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled. Mr. Barry agreed to make a survey of the inmates at the home in order to determine how many will be eligible for admittance to an infirmary.

Mr. Billings outlined the requirements to be met by the County in order that the County Home may be licensed as an infirmary. The only requirement to be met by the County is that of 24-hour nursing service. This would mean employing another nurse for night duty.

As soon as Mr. Barry's report is received the Executive Committee and Commissioners will meet to decide upon the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,

Clerk.

MARIE L. EDIN,

Clerk, pro-tem.

July 15, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Strafford County Delegation along with the County Commissioners and Superintendent John Lepene of the County Home was held on this day at 2:30 p. m. at the Strafford County Home.

Mr. Swain was the only member of the Executive Committee present. Also present for inspection and approval of the milk room were: two members of the Milk Room Committee, Reps. James Malley of Somersworth and Albert Brown of Strafford, Mr. Lester K. Billings of the State Department of Health and another representative of that department. The milk room was approved and now equipment will be bought for same.

It was agreed that the County would proceed with the new program for Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons also Alien Old Age Assistance. This will necessitate the hiring of another nurse so that 24-hour nursing service will be employed at the farm. As soon as this has been accomplished, the County Home will receive the institutional infirmary license from the State Board of Health.

The Commissioners and County Home Supt., Mr. Lepene, were advised to obtain bids on a hay and corn chopper. These will later be brought before the Executive Committee for their approval.

No action was taken in accepting the six-months' budget due to the fact that only one member of the Executive Committee was present. Another meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at a later date,

the date and time of which will be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,
Clerk.
MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk, pro-tem.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Strafford County Home on this date at 2:30 p. m. with only two members of the committee present: Roy V. Swain and Leo Cater. The three County Commissioners were present as were the Supt. and Matron of the County Home.

The nine months budget was considered at this time.

A discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,
Clerk.
MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk, pro-tem.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 30, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 2 o'clock with the three County Commissioners: John J. Duffy, Lu-

cien G. Paradis and Stanley C. Tanner. Mr. Lepene, Supt. of the Strafford County Home was present as was Sheriff Pare.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Roy V. Swain, Chairman, Llewellyn F. Fernald, Emmet J. Flanagan, Leo Cater, and Harley Crandall. Ned Parker was unable to be present.

The expenditures and receipts for the year 1952 were considered. County Commissioners advised that there would be an approximate surplus of between \$25,000 and \$27,000. A motion made by Mr. Cater that the tentative report of expenditures and receipts for the year 1952 be accepted was seconded by Mr. Crandall. Passed unanimously.

Sheriff Pare came before the Executive Committee requesting an appropriation to take care of various equipment and necessities for his office. The following is a list of the items requested with the approximate cost of each: Lights, \$32; Fingerprint Outfit, \$74; Tear gas guns, \$40; Set of handcuffs (2 pair) \$37; File Cabinet, \$100; Siren, \$56; Mobile Unit, \$2,046.40 (includes monitor but not installation) and a Camera \$135. A request was also made for a private office for interviewing people (the possibility of constructing a partition in the sheriff's present office was considered) and a detention cell to keep prisoners while awaiting arraignment during term of court.

A motion was made by Mr. Cater that \$500 from the 1952 surplus be allotted to the sheriff's department for the purchase of the following equipment: (2) Gas guns, (2) Pair of handcuffs, (4) Flashing Lights, (1) File cabinet, (1) Fingerprint outfit, (1) Siren, (1) Camera. Motion seconded by Mr. Fernald. Passed unanimously.

The remaining requests will be brought before the new delegation when it convenes in January.

A motion made by Mr. Crandall that a vote of thanks and appreciation for the work done during the past two years by the present board of county commissioners; namely, John J. Duffy, Lucien G. Paradis and Stanley C. Taner, be extended by the members of the Executive Committee was seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

MARGARET E. DUSTIN,

Clerk.

MARIE L. EDIN,

Clerk, pro-tem.

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952

General Government

Salaries

Commissioners,	\$3,600 00
Treasurer,	400 00
Solicitor,	1,800 00
Auditors,	200 00
Medical Referees,	600 00
Sheriff,	1,000 00

Expenses of:

Above officers,	5,500 00
Register of Deeds,	1,600 00
Register of Probate,	2,000 00
Photostat	1,500 00
Care and supplies for Court House,	7,000 00
Register of Deeds special app. (slip covers),	600 00
Superior Court,	30,000 00
County Farm,	95,000 00
Support of poor off Farm,	24,000 00
Old Age Assistance,	5,000 00
Board and care of children,	42,000 00
Soldiers' Aid,	8,000 00
Welfare Administration Expense,	5,700 00

Interest

On temporary loans,	3,000 00
On bonds,	500 00

New Construction

Milk room and equipment at Farm,	5,000 00
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Indebtedness

Bonds,	7,000 00
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All Other

County Reports,	300 00
Tax anticipation notes expense,	125 00
Petty cash,	100 00
State audit,	300 00
Delegation expenses,	400 00
County Extension service,	14,244 00
Insurance,	3,500 00
Employees' retirement,	700 00
Miscellaneous,	300 00
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	\$270,969 00

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

As required by Statute, the Board of Strafford County Commissioners herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1952, along with the report of the Treasurer, Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Chaplains and County Extension Service.

We were able to stay within the appropriated budget for 1952 and left an unexpended balance of \$27,354.45.

A new milkroom of modern-design equipped with new equipment for processing dairy products was built thereby putting the county in a position to sell any surplus dairy products they might have at various times. Practically all the labor required for this job was furnished at the County Farm making the cost to the county very moderate.

We adopted a new program at the County Home advanced by the New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare whereby the county receives compensation for totally and permanently disabled persons and convalescent cases that could qualify for Old Age Assistance at the regular convalescent rate. The minimum rate for board and care was advanced from \$10 to \$14 per week to towns, cities and private boarders which was more in line with actual costs and the rate in other counties. We felt this arrangement would be fairer to all concerned and any extra costs to the towns and cities would come back to them in lower taxes. As both of these changes went into effect the latter part of the year, little benefit has been received. However, we believe in the future this program will produce

greater income and give better care at less additional costs.

Crops were very good as a whole. We produced about 2,000 bushels of excellent potatoes on five acres where our usual amount is about 1,600 bushels.

We feel 1952 was a very successful year. Operating with a budget that was figured very closely at the first of the year, we were compelled to increase wages to several employees who were not only underpaid but without the benefit of Social Security. Furthermore, prices of clothing, supplies and produce were increased. The amount of \$3,792.22, (the amount the Superior Court over ran their budget) is in reality additional surplus as they are not under our jurisdiction.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance received during the year from the delegation, employees of the County, officials of the State, Mr. Donald J. Sweeney of the Probation Department, cities and towns. To all individuals, clubs and organizations who have kindly contributed to the welfare and happiness of the inmates of our institution, we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. TANNER, Chairman,
JOHN J. DUFFY, Clerk,
LUCIEN G. PARADIS,

Strafford County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1952**ASSETS**

Cash on hand,	\$27,354 45
Excess of liabilities over assets, bonds,	51,000 00
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Total,	\$78,354 45

LIABILITIES**Bonds Outstanding:**

Court House Addition Bonds,	\$35,000 00
County Home Kitchen,	16,000 00
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	\$51,000 00
Excess of asset over liabilities (Surplus),	27,354 45
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Total,	\$78,354 45

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**Land and Buildings:**

Court House,	\$144,000 00
Jail,	22,583 00
County Farm,	105,447 00

Furniture and Equipment:

Court House,	21,000 00
Jail,	2,552 00
County Farm,	60,000 00

Total Valuation,	\$355,582 00
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF 1952 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft	Receipts
Salaries of Officers,	\$7,000 00	\$7,000 00			
Medical Referee,	600 00	659 05		\$59 05	
Expenses of Officers,	5,500 00	5,389 72	\$110 28		\$14 50
Register of Deeds,	1,600 00	1,590 61	9 39		
Register of Deeds, Special					
Appropriation,	600 00	600 00			
Register of Probate,	2,000 00	1,809 14	190 86		
Photostat,	1,500 00	978 31	521 69		316 24
Care and Supplies for Court					
House,	7,000 00	7,207 08		207 08	10 00
Superior Court,	30,000 00	33,792 22		3,792 22	30 00
County Farm,	95,000 00	95,226 76		226 76	24,233 97
Support of Poor Off Farm,	24,000 00	16,164 62	7,835 38		2,392 97
Old Age Assistance,	5,000 00	4,136 28	863 72		53 92
Board and Care of Children,	42,000 00	35,765 73	6,234 27		8,158 22
Aid to Soldiers' Families,	8,000 00	4,492 04	3,507 96		155 91
Welfare Adm. Expenses,	5,700 00	5,768 46		68 46	

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RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

Income from Institutions:

County Farm,	\$24,233 97
Superior Court, State vs. Payrolls,	30 00
Interest on Deposits,	317 50
Reimbursement of expenditures for sup- port of poor off farm,	2,392 97
Board and care of children,	8,158 22
Aid to soldiers' families,	155 91
Old age assistance,	53 92

All Other Receipts:

Photostat work,	316 24
Insurance refund,	24 32
Office supplies,	14 50
Court House equipment,	10 00

Total revenue from all sources ex- cept taxation,	\$35,707 55
Temporary loans during year,	265,000 00
Taxes from cities and towns,	242,297 35

	\$543,004 90
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	3,721 65

Grand total,	\$546,726 55
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RESUME OF EXPENDITURES

County Farm,	\$95,226 76
County Farm, new milk room,	4,345 56
Direct relief,	16,164 62
Soldiers' aid,	4,492 04
Board and care of children,	35,765 73
Old age assistance,	4,136 28
Welfare Administration:	
Salaries of case worker and stenographer,	5,232 88
Mileage expense (case worker),	535 58
Medical referee,	659 05
Salaries of officers,	7,000 00
Expenses of officers,	5,389 72
Care and supplies for Court House,	7,207 08
Superior Court,	33,792 22
Register of Deeds,	1,590 61
Register of Deeds (spec. app. slip covers),	600 00
Register of Probate,	1,809 14
Notes,	265,000 00
Bonds,	7,000 00
Interest on notes,	2,124 64
Interest on bonds,	725 00
County Extension Service,	14,244 00
Insurance,	3,714 01
Retirement,	680 75
Photostat,	978 31
Tax anticipation notes expense,	118 60
County Reports,	279 50
Delegation expenses,	213 20
State audit,	322 42
All other payments,	6,777 67
Total,	\$526,125 37

1952 STRAFFORD COUNTY EXPENDITURES

January:

County Farm,	\$7,084 78
Direct relief,	1,355 94
Aid to soldiers' families,	527 48
Board and care of children,	2,929 49
Old age assistance,	297 75
Welfare administration salaries,	462 50
Welfare administration expenses,	48 05
Medical referee,	19 00
County officers' salaries,	583 33
County officers' expenses,	775 91
Care and supplies for Court House,	607 98
Superior Court,	1,181 32
Register of Deeds,	95 12
Register of Probate,	286 36
Insurance,	369 65
All other payments,	71 95
Total,	\$16,696 61

February:

County Farm,	\$8,442 61
Direct relief,	1,600 62
Aid to soldiers' families,	760 38
Board and care of children,	2,854 79
Welfare administration salaries,	428 32
Welfare administration expenses,	38 44
Medical referee,	19 20
County officers' salaries,	533 33
County officers' expenses,	385 22
Care and supplies for Court House,	743 11
Superior Court,	1,899 80
Register of Deeds,	24 80

Register of Probate,	52	89
Interest on Court House addition bonds,	250	00
County Extension service,	1,014	16
Insurance,	2,860	74
Photostat,	10	88
All other payments,	563	13
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Total,	\$22,482	42
March:		
County Farm,	\$7,705	17
Direct relief,	2,161	81
Aid to soldiers' families,	424	90
Board and care of children,	2,913	24
Old age assistance,	307	25
Welfare administration salaries,	395	92
Welfare administration expenses,	38	44
Medical referee,	12	00
County officers' salaries,	633	33
County officers' expenses,	270	51
Care and supplies for Court House,	607	97
Superior Court,	3,254	17
Register of Deeds,	131	30
Register of Probate,	405	68
Indebtedness, principal,	35,000	00
Interest on \$35,000 00,	\$175	00
Interest on tax anticipation		
note,	1,949	64
Interest on County Home		
bonds,	112	50
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	2,237	14
County Extension Service,	1,014	16
Insurance,	154	57
Photostat,	73	70
Tax anticipation notes expense,	118	60
All other payments,	545	71
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Total,	\$58,405	57

April:

County Farm,	\$8,493 39
Direct relief,	1,995 44
Aid to soldiers' families,	560 58
Board and care of children,	3,100 98
Old age assistance,	301 13
Welfare administration salaries,	395 92
Welfare administration expenses,	45 24
Medical referee,	31 20
County officers' salaries,	583 33
County officers' expenses,	733 43
Care and supplies for Court House,	639 46
Superior Court,	6,496 43
Register of Deeds,	22 75
Register of Probate,	137 20
County Extension Service,	1,217 68
County Reports,	279 50
All other payments,	521 91
Total,	\$25,555 57

May:

County Farm,	\$7,017 00
County Farm, new milk room,	308 31
Direct relief,	1,176 07
Aid to soldiers' families,	267 65
Board and care of children,	3,071 01
Old age assistance,	286 13
Welfare administration salaries,	494 90
Welfare administration expenses,	48 05
Medical referee,	14 00
County officers' salaries,	533 33
County officers' expenses,	273 69
Care and supplies for Court House,	598 61
Superior Court,	915 31
Register of Deeds,	170 08

Register of Probate,	64 50
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
Photostat,	62 32
All other payments,	537 91

Total,	\$17,060 87
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June:

County Farm,	\$6,926 37
County Farm, milk room,	812 67
Direct relief,	1,286 25
Aid to soldiers' families,	432 13
Board and care of children,	3,188 14
Old age assistance,	275 63
Welfare administration salaries,	494 90
Welfare administration expenses,	48 05
Medical referee,	139 60
County officers' salaries,	633 33
County officers' expenses,	266 35
Care and supplies for Court House,	522 61
Superior Court,	546 42
Register of Deeds,	25 63
Register of Deeds, special appropriation (slip covers),	506 50
Register of Probate,	65 65
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
Insurance,	61 50
Retirement, County's share,	333 11
All other payments,	577 63

Total,	\$18,364 47
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July:

County Farm,	\$8,828 35
County Farm, milk room,	757 52
Direct relief,	969 83
Aid to soldiers' families,	284 50

Board and care of children,	3,029 09
Old age assistance, 2 months,	753 63
Welfare administration salaries,	296 94
Welfare administration expenses,	28 83
Medical referee,	24 20
County officers' salaries,	583 33
County officers' expenses,	682 42
Care and supplies for Court House,	464 72
Superior Court,	2,942 26
Register of Deeds,	19 15
Register of Probate,	52 48
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
Photostat,	303 76
Insurance,	225 47
All other payments,	559 83
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Total,	\$22,028 31

August:

County Farm,	\$8,455 82
County Farm, milk room,	453 42
Direct relief,	814 10
Aid to soldiers' families,	179 79
Board and care of children,	2,774 56
Welfare administration salaries,	494 90
Welfare administration expenses,	48 05
Medical referee,	156 00
County officers' salaries,	533 33
County officers' expenses,	377 91
Care and supplies for Court House,	427 86
Superior Court,	1,853 27
Register of Deeds,	96 60
Register of Probate,	174 52
Indebtedness, principal,	5,000 00
Interest,	250 00
County Extension Service,	1,222 00

Photostat,	199 12
All other payments,	512 47

Total,	\$24,023 72
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September:

County Farm,	\$9,659 20
County Farm, milk room,	1,033 73
Direct relief,	869 00
Aid to soldiers' families,	280 80
Board and care of children,	2,873 08
Old age assistance,	429 81
Welfare administration salaries,	395 92
Welfare administration expenses,	38 44
County officers' salaries,	633 33
County officers' expenses,	441 18
Care and supplies for Court House,	509 36
Superior Court,	2,292 68
Register of Deeds,	34 25
Register of Probate,	73 49
Indebtedness, principal,	2,000 00
Interest,	112 50
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
All other payments,	557 75

Total,	\$23,456 52
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October:

County Farm,	\$8,836 35
County Farm, milk room,	251 44
Direct relief,	935 91
Aid to soldiers' families,	363 45
Board and care of children,	2,998 41
Old age assistance,	445 44
Welfare administration salaries,	494 90
Welfare administration expenses,	48 05
Medical referee,	176 60

County officers' salaries,	583 33
County officers' expenses,	648 77
Care and supplies for Court House,	607 66
Superior Court,	8,089 62
Register of Deeds,	46 80
Register of Probate,	243 45
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
Photostat,	328 53
State audit,	322 42
Insurance,	42 08
All other payments,	532 51

Total,	\$27,217 72
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November:

County Farm,	\$7,586 55
County Farm, milk room,	521 45
Direct relief,	1,215 87
Aid to soldiers' families,	159 21
Board and care of children,	3,078 08
Old age assistance,	498 13
Welfare administration salaries,	395 92
Welfare administration expenses,	48 44
Medical referee,	34 25
County officers' salaries,	533 33
County officers' expenses,	224 63
Care and supplies for Court House,	550 42
Superior Court,	1,165 43
Register of Deeds,	193 18
Register of Probate,	83 04
County Extension Service,	1,222 00
Delegation expenses,	213 20
All other payments,	632 83

Total,	\$18,355 96
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December:

County Farm,	\$6,191 17
County Farm, milk room,	207 02
Direct relief,	1,783 78
Aid to soldiers' families,	251 17
Board and care of children,	2,954 86
Old age assistance,	541 38
Welfare administration salaries,	481 84
Welfare administration expenses,	57 50
Medical referee,	33 00
County officers' salaries,	633 37
County officers' expenses,	309 70
Care and supplies for Court House,	927 32
Superior Court,	3,155 51
Register of Deeds,	730 95
Register of Deeds, special appropriation (slip covers),	93 50
Register of Probate,	169 88
Note (anticipation of taxes),	230,000 00
County Extension Service,	2,444 00
Retirement, County's share,	347 64
All other payments,	1,164 04
Total,	\$252,477 63

1952 STRAFFORD COUNTY RECEIPTS

January:

County Farm,	\$1,773 42
Board and care of children,	465 91
Direct relief,	61 00
Hospital service,	26 50
Old age assistance,	15 00

Photostat,	32 00
Temporary loan,	35,000 00
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Total,	\$37,373 83

February:

County Farm,	\$1,485 45
Board and care of children,	339 00
Direct relief,	53 00
Hospital service,	26 50
Photostat,	16 90
Insurance dividend,	9 12
State vs. Payrolls (reimbursement),	30 00
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Total,	\$1,959 97

March:

County Farm,	\$1,424 06
Board and care of children,	625 40
Direct relief,	57 00
Hospital service,	26 50
Photostat,	13 10
Tax anticipation note,	230,000 00
Insurance dividend,	15 20
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Total,	\$232,161 26

April:

County Farm,	\$1,636 53
Board and care of children,	369 20
Direct relief,	46 00
Hospital service,	26 50
Photostat,	14 60
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Total,	\$2,092 83

May:

County Farm,	\$1,688 58
Board and care of children,	1,037 55
Direct relief,	85 00
Hospital service,	28 50
Aid to soldiers' families,	34 25
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Total,	\$2,873 88

June:

County Farm,	\$1,734 05
Board and care of children,	568 27
Direct relief,	63 00
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat (2 months),	79 30
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Total,	\$2,473 12

July:

County Farm,	\$1,986 35
Board and care of children,	608 32
Direct relief,	23 00
Hospital service,	28 50
Old age assistance,	38 92
Photostat,	37 00
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Total,	\$2,722 09

August:

County Farm,	\$2,386 68
Board and care of children,	647 07
Direct relief,	28 00
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat,	38 69
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Total,	\$3,128 94

September:

County Farm,	\$1,927 99
Board and care of children,	878 17
Aid to soldiers' families,	37 00
Direct relief,	1,871 97
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat,	16 80
Office supplies,	14 50
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Total,	\$4,774 93

October:

County Farm,	\$2,411 48
Board and care of children,	1,412 79
Direct relief,	59 00
Soldiers' aid,	64 96
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat,	19 65
County taxes,	2,653 16
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Total,	\$6,649 54

November:

County Farm,	\$2,189 66
Board and care of children,	684 22
Direct relief,	8 00
Soldiers' aid,	19 70
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat,	14 70
County taxes,	2,437 51
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Total,	\$5,382 29

December:

County Farm,	\$3,589 72
Board and care of children,	522 32

Direct relief,	38 00
Hospital service,	28 50
Photostat,	33 50
County taxes,	237,206 68
Court House equipment,	10 00
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Total,	\$241,428 72

1952 PAYMENTS

General Government:

Salaries of:

Commissioners,	\$3,600 00
Treasurer,	400 00
Auditors,	200 00
Solicitor,	1,800 00
Medical referee,	659 05
Sheriff,	1,000 00

Expenses of:

Above officers,	5,389 72
Register of Deeds,	1,590 61
Register of Probate,	1,809 14
Photostat,	978 31
Care and supplies for Court House,	7,207 08
Register of Deeds, special appropriation (slip covers),	600 00

Superior Court:

Jury payrolls,	6,377 37
State vs. Payrolls,	1,708 10
Counsel fees,	1,093 87
Stenographers,	5,118 19
Clerk of Court,	9,932 57
Sheriffs and deputies,	9,562 12

Public Welfare:

County Farm and Jail,	95,226 76
Support of poor off Farm,	16,164 62
Old age assistance,	4,136 28
Board and care of children,	35,765 73
Soldiers' aid,	4,492 04
Welfare administration expense,	5,768 46

Interest:

On temporary loans,	2,124 64
On bonds,	725 00

Outlay for New Construction:

Milk room at County Farm,	4,345 56
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Indebtedness:

Payment on temporary loans,	265,000 00
Payment on principal of bonds,	7,000 00

All Other Payments:

County reports,	279 50
Tax anticipation notes expenses,	118 60
Delegation expenses,	213 20
State audit,	322 42
County Extension Service,	14,244 00
Insurance,	3,714 01
Employees' retirement (County),	680 75
Public hearing,	24 40
Hospital service,	334 00

\$519,706 10

Cash on hand at end of year, 27,354 45

Grand total, \$547,060 55

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1952

County Officers' Expenses:

Treasurer, mileage and meals,	\$159 77
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Solicitor:

Investigation and travel,	\$304 15	
Stationery,	22 25	
Telephone,	120 33	
Postage,	15 03	
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Commissioners:

Traveling expense,	\$952 76	
Bookkeeper's salary,	2,408 15	
Telephone,	409 40	
Office supplies,	976 88	
Commissioners' Association,	6 00	
Bond and notary appropriation,	15 00	
	<hr/>	4,768 19

Register of Deeds:

Neal Printing and Binding		
Co.,	\$648 50	
Telephone,	270 30	
Supplies,	671 81	
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Register of Probate:

Salary of assistant,	\$500 00	
Telephone,	199 55	
Supplies,	1,026 80	
Probate, Judge and stenog-		
rapher,	70 29	
Bond,	12 50	
	<hr/>	1,809 14

Welfare Administration:

Salaries of case worker and stenographer,	\$5,232 88	
Traveling expense, case worker,	535 58	
		<u>5,768 46</u>

Care and Supplies for Court House:

Janitor service,	\$4,112 00	
Oil,	1,315 97	
Lights,	687 09	
Supplies,	431 63	
Transportation,	8 47	
Water bills,	85 27	
Repairs,	207 67	
Unit heater (photostat room),	275 00	
Book cases,	83 98	
		<u>7,207 08</u>

 DIRECT RELIEF

Dover,	\$5,181 77
Rochester,	4,985 07
Somersworth,	3,778 64
Farmington,	1,081 00
New Durham,	539 70
Milton,	354 32
Rollinsford,	114 75
Middleton,	10 00
Barrington,	6 00
Strafford,	113 37
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Total,	\$16,164 62

SOLDIERS' AID

Dover,	\$1,537 25
Farmington,	2,169 84
Rochester,	202 91
Rollinsford,	34 50
Barrington,	65 71
Milton,	59 99
Somersworth,	421 84
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Total,	\$4,492 04

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the close of the year 1952 all taxes had been paid by the cities and towns.

The cash on hand on December 31, 1952, amounted to \$27,354.45.

Cash on hand, General Fund, \$27,354.45

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the County Commissioners and the office staff for their splendid assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO CORMIER,
Treasurer.

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Strafford County

Balance on hand January 1, 1952,	\$3,721 65
Receipts, year ending December 31, 1952,	543,338 90
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	\$547,060 55
Payments, year ending December 31, 1952,	519,706 10
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Balance, December 31, 1952, as per cash book,	\$27,354 45
Balance in Merchants National Bank, as per statement of December 31, 1952,	\$13,788 23

Rochester Trust Co.,	20,317 50
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	\$34,105 73
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Less outstanding orders,	6,751 28
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Reconciled bank balance as of December 31, 1952,	\$27,354 45
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Petty cash on hand January 1, 1952, commissioners' office,	\$25 00
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Petty cash on hand December 31, 1952, commissioners' office,	\$25 00
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County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total amount of receipts from institution, year ending December 31, 1952,	\$24,233.97
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Total remittances to County Treasurer, year ending December 31, 1952,	\$24,233.97
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Petty cash on hand, January 1, 1952,	\$100.00
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Petty cash on hand December 31, 1952,	\$100.00
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Superintendent's balance on hand, January 1, 1952,	\$100.00
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Superintendent's balance on hand, December 31, 1952,	\$100.00
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Indebtedness, December 31, 1952

Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	None
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Outstanding long term notes,	None
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Outstanding bonds,	\$51,000.00
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Bills owed by County,	None
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County Taxes Uncollected, December 31, 1952

County taxes due from towns and cities,	None
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GILMAN H. TWOMBLY,

RAYMOND V. JONES, JR.,

County Auditors.

January, 1953.

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Apportionment of County Taxes

1952

\$242,297.35 *

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Barrington,	\$16.41	\$3,976.10
Dover,	336.47	81,525.79
Durham,	50.26	12,177.87
Farmington,	57.68	13,975.71
Lee,	10.06	2,437.51
Madbury,	10.95	2,653.16
Middleton,	3.14	760.81
Milton,	33.80	8,189.65
New Durham,	11.75	2,846.99
Rochester,	264.68	64,131.26
Rollinsford,	33.37	8,085.46
Somersworth,	155.49	37,674.82
Strafford,	15.94	3,862.22
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	\$1,000.00	\$242,297.35

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

June 25, 1952

Board of County Commissioners
Strafford County
Dover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial audit and examination of the accounts of Strafford County has been made by this Division. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in two sections as follow:

Section I—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950

Section II—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the audit and examination were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1949—December 31, 1950 (Exhibit A)

December 31, 1950—December 31, 1951 (Exhibit J)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1949—1950 and December 31, 1950

—1951, are presented in Exhibits A and J, respectively. As indicated therein, the Net Debt increased by \$21,398.17 in 1950 and decreased by \$1,639.62 in 1951.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit B)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit K)

Statements presenting an analysis of the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are included in Exhibits B and K, respectively.

The increase in Net Debt during the year 1950 amounted to \$21,398.17. The factors which caused this were as follows:

INCREASES IN NET DEBT

Bonds Issued,	\$20,000 00	
Cash Surplus Used to Re-		
duce County Tax,	19,491 81	
Transfer of Petty Cash		
Fund at County Farm		
to General Fund,	100 00	
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DECREASES IN NET DEBT

Net Budget Surplus,	\$13,193 64	
Bonds Matured and Paid,	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,193 64
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Net Increase		\$21,398 17

In 1951, the Net Debt decreased by \$1,639.62. This change in financial condition was brought about as follows:

DECREASES IN NET DEBT

Net Budget Surplus,	\$3,759 55
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Bonds Matured and Paid,	7,000 00	
Transfer from General Fund to County Farm Petty Cash Fund,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,859 55

INCREASES IN NET DEBT

Cash Surplus used to reduce County Tax,	\$9,219 93
Net Decrease,	\$1,639 62

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibits C & D)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibits L & M)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1950, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$9,146.93, plus a net revenue surplus of \$4,046.71, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$13,193.64.

In 1951, a net revenue surplus of \$6,245.17, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$2,485.62, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,759.55.

Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit E)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit O)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibits E and O respectively.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1951, is shown in Exhibit P.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Strafford County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1950 and 1951 are presented in Exhibits H and Q, respectively.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Competitive Bidding:

Section 8 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Chapter 165 of the Laws of 1949, provides that

“Any purchase of equipment or materials made by a county in an amount exceeding three hundred dollars shall be by competitive bidding, provided that the county commissioners by unanimous vote may waive the provisions for such bidding.”

Under date of May 19, 1942, the then Attorney General Frank R. Kenison, in reply to an inquiry from this office gave the following opinion relative to this law:

“The statute does not define competitive bidding but it has been interpreted generally to mean a bona fide attempt to obtain offers or bids from several sources in order that the county may benefit by the lowest price. Since the statute does not determine the manner of ascertaining these offers and bids, it rests with the sound discretion of the County Commissioners as to whether the bids will be in writing and the form which they will take. In cases where competitive bidding cannot fulfill its purpose, it may be waived by unanimous vote of the County Commissioners duly recorded in their offices, together with a statement of the reasons therefor, which are open to public inspection at all reasonable hours.”

We did not find that bids in writing were always requested or submitted in connection with the purchases of materials and supplies by the County during the years 1950 and 1951. We were advised that the common practice has been to phone or write for prices.

We believe, however, that in accordance with the interpretation of the law, as quoted herein, in the case of purchases exceeding \$300.00 in amount where competitive bids have not been obtained, it is the duty of the County Commissioners to keep a record of waivers

indicating in each case the reason why bidding was waived.

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of the county officials were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, with exceptions as herein noted, conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

In conformance with Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of the members of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Strafford County and the office staff for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director.

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor.

Hugh J. Cassidy, John T. Flanders, Accountants.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Strafford County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951. In our opinion the accompanying Exhibits fairly present the financial condition of Strafford County and the results of operations for the periods under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

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STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME REPORT

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1952.

Among the improvements made during the year was the completion of the cement building for the new milk room and butter room. It was necessary to buy a few new milk cans, and a new churn was purchased.

In the house, nine rooms in the Women's Wing were repaired and re-decorated so that more patients could be admitted under the new system required by the State Board of Health. This system also made it necessary for us to hire another nurse, so that now we have 24-hour nursing service.

Mrs. Lepene and I wish to express our appreciation for the clothing which has been donated, and for the books and magazines, which have given so much enjoyment to our people here; also, to the Lions' Club for their continued charity, and to the General Ice Cream Corporation, who have made several donations of ice cream. We also wish to extend our thanks to Rev. Robert Wessel and his associates delegated by him, and to Father Turgeon of St. Charles Rectory for the spiritual care of the Home, to the members of the Congregational Church of Lee, and to the members of the Baptist Church in Farmington, the Lions' Club, the Salvation Army, Catholic Daughters of America, Mrs. Anna Dube, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Woman's Club of Durham, Students of Occupational Therapy of the University of New Hampshire, Girl Scouts of Rochester, and the Boys' Choir of

St. Charles Rectory for their entertainments and gifts to the people here in the home.

We most sincerely appreciate the co-operation given us by the Commissioners, by Dr. Hartigan, our nurses, our personnel, and the Wentworth Hospital for sterilizing our dressings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEPENE,
Superintendent.

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME
1952

RECEIPTS

Board,	\$19,790.36	
Clothing and supplies,	193.58	
Hay and oats,	801.36	
Swine,	2,647.60	
Miscellaneous income,	801.07	
Total,		\$24,233.97

EXPENDITURES

Jail:

Labor,	\$3,730.00	
Clothing and supplies,	448.05	
Other expenses (board of women prisoners, repairs, etc.),	692.18	
		\$4,870.23

Farming:

Seed and fertilizer,	\$1,226.81
Labor,	3,278.42
Supplies,	340.01

Used ensilage cutter,	290.00	
Other expenses,	226.28	
	<hr/>	\$5,361.52

Dairy:

Feed,	\$14,526.74	
Labor,	2,250.00	
Supplies,	459.81	
Other expenses,	214.07	
	<hr/>	\$17,450.62

Operation and Maintenance of Plant:

Labor,	\$20,509.95	
Provisions,	16,592.22	
Clothing,	630.76	
Supplies,	4,006.88	
Health,	6,502.68	
Repairs,	1,964.54	
Coal,	9,540.23	
Range gas,	431.50	
Light and power,	2,161.47	
	<hr/>	\$62,340.23

All Other:

Chaplains,	\$235.16	
Auto and truck expense,	1,854.32	
Gasoline,	912.69	
Telephone,	457.65	
Transportation,	57.75	
Taxes,	1,588.75	
Batteries & Cable for auxil-		
iary power,	53.42	
Refund on board,	24.00	
Expense, County Meetings,	20.42	
	<hr/>	\$5,204.16

Total,	\$95,226.76
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Milk Room:

Plans,	\$105.00	
Labor,	1,095.06	
Mason work,	251.62	
Radiators and piping,	288.22	
Electrical work,	359.93	
Equipment,	754.03	
Materials, supplies, etc.,	1,484.18	
Transportation,	7.52	
	<hr/>	\$4,345.56

STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM INVENTORY

Commissioners' room and hall, \$550 00

Superintendent's Department:

Office,	300 00
Parlor,	1,000 00
Kitchen,	5,000 00
Dining room,	800 00
Sleeping rooms,	1,000 00
Sewing room and linen closet,	300 00
Linen room,	450 00

Inmates' Department—Men's Wing:

Dining room,	875 00
Reading room,	100 00
Barber shop,	100 00
Sleeping rooms,	1,400 00
Second-hand clothing,	50 00
Dispensary,	1,650 00
Store room,	1,000 00
Attic,	200 00

Inmates' Department—Women's Wing:

Dining room,	875 00
Chapel,	500 00
Sleeping rooms,	700 00
Blanket room,	175 00
Hospital room,	300 00

Basement:

Meat room and refrigerator,	1,000 00
Vinegar room,	100 00
Big store room,	550 00
Inmates' kitchen (old),	900 00
Superintendent's store room,	400 00
Flour room,	400 00
Soap room,	650 00
Disinfectant room,	1,000 00
Paint and carpenter shops,	700 00
Boiler room and contents,	7,500 00
Blacksmith shop,	450 00
Oil room,	600 00
Coal,	1,260 00
Fire extinguishers,	700 00
Hose house and contents,	200 00
Pumps and motors,	6,000 00
Engine room,	2,180 00
International truck,	500 00
Chevrolet car,	1,000 00
Ford truck,	800 00
Chevrolet truck,	50 00
Farm machinery and milk room equip- ment,	7,230 00
Storm windows,	300 00
Jail contents,	500 00
Contents of laundry,	5,800 00
Slaughter house equipment,	500 00
Swine,	2,775 00

20 milk cows,	6,000 00
10 dry cows,	2,750 00
2 bulls,	600 00
1 bull,	100 00
7 bred heifers,	1,400 00
13 other heifers,	1,300 00
19 steers,	4,750 00
3 calves,	105 00
Grain for above,	95 00
Ensilage (corn),	900 00
Green silage,	450 00
Hay,	2,950 00
Fertilizer,	326 40
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	\$83,096 40

STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM VEGETABLES
AND PRODUCTS, 1952

Beets,	70 bushels
Carrots,	125 bushels
Cabbage,	500 heads
Cucumbers,	60 bushels
Dry beans,	10 bushels
String beans,	40 bushels
Lettuce,	400 heads
Onions,	30 bushels
Parsnips,	8 bushels
Potatoes,	1,550 bushels
Peas,	25 bushels
Radishes,	10 bushels
Squash,	4 tons
Sweet corn,	250 dozen
Tomatoes,	100 bushels
Peppers,	4 bushels
Pork, raised and used on Farm,	6,758 lbs.
Beef, raised and used on Farm,	6,536 lbs.
Milk produced,	229,802 lbs.
Butter,	1,731 lbs.

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO STRAFFORD COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

1952

Age	Name, Court committed from, and offense	Weeks	Days
39	Abbott, Raymond E., Farmington, breaking and entering, larceny,	29	6
22	Allen, Eugene W., Dover, (1) assault; (2) breaking and entering,	12	6
18	Anderson, Jr., Irving H., Dover, breaking and entering, larceny,	1	3
19	Archambeault, Arthur W., Dover, larceny,		2
34	Archinski, William P., Dover, contempt of court,	16	
75	Bassett, George, Dover, drunk,	22	2
44	Beaulieu, Raymond, Rochester, drunk,	1	3
46	Bickford, Charles, Dover, driving under influence of liquor,		4
20	Bissell, Clarence, Dover, violation of probation,	32	1
22	Blair, J. Sterling, Dover, larceny by check,		2
18	Bonnell, David, Rochester, rape,	8	
57	Boudreau, Earl F., Rochester, drunk,	1	3
20	Brochu, Leo Paul, Rochester, breaking and entering,	1	1
47	Brown, Earl F., Dover, drunk,	23	1
30	Brown, Lawrence I., Rochester, assault,	2	1
76	Caron, William, Dover, vagrancy,	23	1
76	Caron, William, Dover, drunk,		5
37	Cholette, Roland J., Rochester, lewd and lascivious behavior,	1	5
32	Cohen, Melvin, Durham, larceny,		5
56	Collins, Thomas, Rochester, vagrancy,	11	6
56	Collins, Thomas, Rochester, vagrancy,	6	6
52	Croft, Archie, Somersworth, ringing in false alarm,	1	1
30	Crowley, James, Dover, contempt of court,		4
30	Crowley, James, Dover, contempt of court,	18	6
55	Crystal, James, Dover, drunk,	4	
38	Cushing, Henry W., Somersworth, neglect of minor children,	3	6
23	Davis, Donald, Dover, neglect of family,		2

Age	Name, Court committed from, and offense	Weeks	Days
19	Delaurier, Raymond, Dover, driving without a license,	4	
23	Dickerman, Robert V., Farmington, larceny,	7	5
75	Doherty, Martin, Dover, drunk,	5	4
39	Downs, Bernard W., Rochester, unnatural act,	6	1
19	Dyer, Kenneth F., Somersworth, (1) driving without license, (2) driving with no plates,		3
26	Elwell, Wilbur, Somersworth, driving under influence of liquor,	6	6
24	Farrand, Norman, Dover, breaking and entering,	3	5
25	Fenton, Charles, Dover, disturbance of the peace,	11	5
19	Genchur, Michael T., Dover, larceny,	3	2
36	Gendron, Roger, Dover, intent to defraud,	1	3
35	Gilman, Wallace, Dover, drunk,	2	1
30	Gilman, Norris, Dover, gross lewdness,	11	3
49	Goodrich, Carlyle L., Rochester, gross lewdness,	9	3
21	Grant, Donald, Dover, unnatural act,	14	5
26	Grant, Albert J., Dover, larceny,	5	
33	Greene, Daniel F., Dover, contempt of court,		3
32	Gregoire, George, Dover, driving under influence of liquor,	1	3
26	Grenier, Robert F., Farmington, larceny,	24	5
53	Grimes, John H., Dover, drunk,	19	4
38	Haigh, Harold T., Dover, contempt of court,	2	
39	Haigh, Harold T., Dover, contempt of court,	18	1
44	Hanson, Richard L., Farmington, non-support,		6
43	Hardenbrook, Charles, Dover, contempt of court,	3	2
20	Harrington, Donald, Rochester, drunk,	2	1
33	Harris, Rex, Rochester, non-support,	2	3
63	Hayes, Elihu, Dover, hit and run,	15	5
57	Hennessey, William E., Dover, drunk,	1	1
41	Hermanson, John, Dover, drunk,	3	
43	Hoitt, Carl, Dover, disturbing the peace,		2
43	Hoitt, Carl, Dover, disturbing the family,	9	1
50	Howard, John, Rochester, drunk,	2	1
50	Howard, John, Rochester, vagrancy,	5	
30	Hurley, Russell E., Rochester, driving under influence of liquor,	4	
33	Johnson, Donald R., Rochester, assault of police,	3	6

Age	Name, Court committed from, and offense	Weeks	Days
59	Kelleher, Michael J., Rochester, drunk,	2	1
59	Kelleher, Michael J., Rochester, drunk,	2	1
59	Kelleher, Michael J., Rochester, vagrancy,	8	1
44	Klowan, Leo, Rochester, drunk,	1	4
41	Lamontagne, Alphonse, Rochester, assault,	3	6
37	Lancey, Albert H., Rochester, non-support,		4
19	Landry, Richard, Dover, assault,		3
50	Lanoix, Robert, Rochester, non-support,	17	3
28	Lewis, Willis R., Dover, drunk,	3	6
27	Lingard, Frank, Somersworth, contempt of court,	18	3
28	Lizotte, Patrick, Dover, non-support,	11	4
48	Long, Arthur, Dover, drunk,	7	6
67	Loud, William, Somersworth, drunk,	11	4
19	Lupien, Elson, Dover, assault,		1
68	Maloney, John F., Rochester, vagrancy,	11	1
26	Mansfield, Robert F., Dover, breaking and entering,	32	5
19	Marsh, Lester, Jr., Rochester, (1) driving under influence of liquor, and (2) operating motor vehicle after revocation of license,	6	5
48	Marshall, Thomas P., Dover, non-support,	1	5
23	Mayo, Raymond A., Dover, driving after license had been revoked,	13	
19	McKay, Robert, Rochester, promoting to the delinquency of a minor child,		6
23	Miller, Donald, Dover, unnatural act,	3	1
24	Moody, Willis, Dover, disobeying court order,		1
47	Morin, Alfred, Rochester, contempt of court,		4
47	Morin, Alfred, Dover, contempt of court,	15	2
53	Murphy, George B., Somersworth, drunk,	11	
59	Nadeau, Emile, Somersworth, drunk,	9	1
26	Nadeau, Arthur, Somersworth, drunk,	1	1
27	Nadeau, Arthur, Somersworth, drunk,		4
78	Nolan, Thomas, Dover, drunk,	4	
18	Parcell, Robert, Dover, promoting to delinquency of minor child,	24	3
38	Patch, Philip, Rochester, assault,		4
43	Perreault, Harold P., Dover, drunk,	7	6
60	Peters, Walter, Dover, drunk,	10	1
53	Pike, Roland, Rochester, larceny,	1	6
43	Poulin, Florian A., Farmington, non-support,		2
50	Powers, George, Dover, drunk,	32	6

Age	Name, Court committed from, and offense	Weeks	Days
47	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, tramp,	3	6
47	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, drunk,	4	
47	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, vagrancy,	9	1
47	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, vagrancy,	4	
42	Rand, Lester Edward, Dover, non-support,		1
32	Richardson, John, Dover, contempt of court,	6	5
31	Richardson, James J., Dover, drunk,	21	1
40	Roberge, Peter, Dover, non-support,	30	
40	Roberge, Peter, Dover, drunk,	4	
35	Rouleau, Andrew, Rochester, drunk,	2	1
26	Rouleau, Albert L., Rochester, non-support,	1	
56	Sheltry, Raymond, Dover, non-support,		5
32	Sprague, Bernard, Rochester, intent to cheat and defraud,	29	
65	St. Sauveur, Homer, Dover, drunk,	4	1
23	Stanley, Russell, Somersworth, drunk,		1
34	Steward, Chester E., Rochester, assault,	17	6
22	Sullivan, Leo Edward, Dover, neglect of fam- ily,	2	1
67	Thibault, Henry, Rochester, drunk,	2	2
27	Vachon, Robert J., Dover, disobeying court or- der,	2	
39	Varney, William G., Dover, disobeying court order,		6
22	Vigneault, Gerard, Rochester, (1) larceny, (2) driving under influence of liquor,	23	3
23	Vinton, Rober A., Rochester, drunk,	2	2
55	Williams, Herbert, Dover, drunk,	7	5

INMATES AT STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME DURING YEAR 1952

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Barnes, Gertrude, Lee,	56	366
Baxter, Charles, New Durham,	72	122
Bennett, Emma, Rochester,	74	366
Bisson, Ephriam, Dover,	81	366
Boudreault, Maurice, Dover,	69	366
Brideau, Samuel, Somersworth,	41	30
Butler, Fannie, Dover,	68	366
Bussiere, Henry, Dover,	74	49
Cahoon, Maude, Rochester,	81	166

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Carpenter, Frank, Hampton,	16	11
Carpenter, William Alvin, Rollinsford,	15	21
Cochrane, Philip, Somersworth,	63	366
Connors, John, Dover,	80	366
Cote, Arthur, Somersworth,	81	366
Crocker, Richard, Concord,	54	12
Davis, Harold P., Dover,	63	366
Demers, Louis B., Manchester,	67	11
Frechette, Octave, Dover,	79	366
Gardner, Gerald, Rochester,	15	1
Gatchell, Gustina, Dover,	84	366
Guimond, Fred, Dover,	77	366
Halloran, John H., Dover,	82	259
Ham, Forrest, Rochester,	50	108
Hayes, Sidney, Rochester,	71	25
Hermanson, John F., Woburn, Mass.,	41	4
Johnson, Harry S., Farmington,	74	92
Jones, Addie Mae, Middleton,	70	259
Jones, Bernice D., Dover,	56	360
Lique, Henry, Rochester,	81	366
Marquis, Joseph, Rochester,	78	204
Morgan, Charles, Dover,	81	366
McCraren, John, Dover,	57	229
McMann, Frances, Presque Isle, Maine,	59	1
McGonigle, John, Dover,	64	24
Norris, Maria, Somersworth,	47	6
Packard, Charles, Dover,	85	79
Pinkham, Russell, Dover,	75	366
Roy, Frank, Dover,	76	366
Stiles, Ida E., Barrington,	79	366
Storer, Hattie A., Farmington,	74	366
Sykes, Allen, Dover,	87	366
Thompson, Harry, New Durham,	62	147
Thibault, Henry, Salmon Falls,	68	339
Watson, Charles, Dover,	80	159

BOARDERS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS DURING YEAR 1952

Amory, Mary L., Rochester,	81	366
Authier, Eugene, Rochester,	68	366
Bernatchez, Albert, Somersworth,	79	198
Croft, Archie, Somersworth,	52	21

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Collins, Thomas, Rochester,	56	131
Dion, Arthur, Lee,	73	366
Drouin, Adele, Somersworth,	83	366
Fitzpatrick, Joseph N., Dover,	56	20
Folger, Anton, Dover,	68	45
Folland, John H., Dover,	46	33
Goodrow, James, Farmington,	52	17
Halloran, John H., Dover,	82	107
Head, George R., Rochester,	71	18
Hebert, Joseph, Rochester,	73	2
Howard, John, Rochester,	50	12
Jones, Addie Mae, Middleton,	70	107
Jutras, Lucy, Farmington,	20	12
Keenan, John, Dover,	53	93
King, Frank, Farmington,	16	64
Kinney, Miriam, Dover,	47	124
Langvin, Frederick, Somersworth,	46	42
Laviolette, Francois, Somersworth,	74	111
Lilly, Rose, Somersworth,	63	366
Lilly, John, Somersworth,	58	366
Mailhot, Albert, Dover,	44	15
McMaster, Harriet, Dover,	90	366
Marden, Percy, Dover,	68	366
McCrystal, James, Dover,	55	3
Mitchell, Mark, Dover,	(?)	366
Morrison, Clarence, Rochester,	62	219
Nadeau, Edward, Somersworth,	53	57
Paquette, Eugene O., Dover,	81	366
Pickford, Janice, Berlin,	13	31
Plante, Albert, Somersworth,	68	366
Prendergast, John, Dover,	66	366
Provencal, John, Dover,	59	366
Provencal, Joseph, Dover,	68	122
Quimby, Alfred, Farmington,	47	28
Roussin, Richard J., Dover,	19	24
Smith, William I., Dover,	51	257
Stevens, Hattie R., Middleton,	83	77
Timmons, Patrick, Dover,	75	275
Tremblay, Thomas, Strafford,	84 (?)	38
Waterman, Mamie, Rochester,	62	234
Woods, Owen, Dover,	52	191
Young, Nathaniel, Milton,	59	366
Private boarders, 26, total number of days,		3,713
Veterans, 3, total number of days,		194

REPORT OF CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

The following is a correct account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Superior Court for the September Term, 1951, as approved and allowed by the court:

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimus, etc., chargeable to County,	\$44 00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics, 40 at \$.15,	6 00
Postage paid,	8 44
Extended permanent records, 931 pages at \$.30,	279 30
Extended permanent records, 161 certifications at \$.15,	24 15
Fines paid Motor Vehicle Department,	225 00
Allowance for Clerk and clerical hire,	2,489 90
	\$3,076 79

CREDITS

Civil entries, 134 at \$.90,	\$120 60
Equity entries, 83 at \$.90,	74 70
State appeal entries, 7 at \$.90,	6 30
State v. Louis A. Cartier, fine,	125 00
State v. Allan H. Woods, fine,	100 00
Dockets sold, 31 at \$2.00,	62 00
Rules of Court sold, 1,	1 00
Fees chargeable to County,	50 00
Allowance for Clerk and clerical hire drawn,	2,528 75
Balance due Clerk,	8 44
	\$3,076 79

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

HAROLD E. WESCOTT,

Presiding Justice.

February 6, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. KEEFE,

Clerk.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford
County:

The following is a correct account of my receipts
and disbursements as Clerk of the Superior Court for
the February Term, 1952, as approved and allowed by
the court:

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimus, etc., chargeable to County,	\$63 00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics, 57 at \$.15,	8 25
Extended permanent records, 945 pages at \$.30,	283 50
Extended permanent records, 181 certifica- tions at \$.15,	27 15
Fine paid Motor Vehicle Department,	10 00
Allowance for Clerk and clerical hire,	3,970 82
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	\$4,362 72

CREDITS

Civil entries, 198 at \$.90,	\$178 20
Equity entries, 144 at \$.90,	129 60
State appeal entries, 14 at \$.90,	12 60
State v. Roy, fine,	10 00

Dockets sold, 19 at \$2.00,	38 00
Fees chargeable to County,	71 25
Miscellaneous postage,	60
Allowance for Clerk and clerical hire,	3,922 47
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	\$4,362 72

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH,
Presiding Justice.

September 4, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD H. KEEFE,
Clerk.

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

To the Commissioners for the County of Strafford,
State of New Hampshire:

Pursuant to Revised Laws, Chapter 25, Sections 24 and 25, and Chapter 50, Section 1, I make you herewith my annual report for the period from January 1 through December 31, 1952.

I. Cases in the Superior Court

State v. Alton J. Turner. Indecent Exposure. Trial by Jury March 5-6, 1952. Jury disagreed. Case nol prossed in consequence of Jury's failure to agree.

State v. Edwin Tileston. Statutory Rape. Blood specimens sent to Children's Hospital in Boston for laboratory analysis. Case nol prossed by reason of laboratory report which definitely established facts inconsistent with story of complaining witness.

State v. Archie Roy. Passing school bus. Appeal from Somersworth Municipal Court. Plea of nolo. Sentence of \$10.00 fine.

State v. Richard D. Campbell. Non-support. Appeal from Rochester Municipal Court. Case nol prossed at request of both parties.

State v. Lloyd H. Skillings. Fifteen indictments (larceny, breaking and entering, attempted robbery, aggravated assault). Trial by Jury on five indictments February Term, 1952. Jury disagreed. Case appealed to Supreme Court by respondent Skillings. Case still pending in Supreme Court at end of year.

State v. Charles E. Hardenbrook. Forgery. Case still pending.

State v. Leon Brunnelle. Operating under influence. Appeal from Somersworth Municipal Court. Nol prossed for lack of evidence.

State v. Charles Adams. Reckless operation of motor vehicle. Appeal from Dover Municipal Court. Nol prossed.

State v. Roland S. Pike. Burglary. Plea of guilty. Sentence 6 months Strafford County Jail. Committed.

State v. Leon C. Lewis. Passing school bus. Nol prossed for lack of evidence.

State v. Rene Harris. Desertion of minor children. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; placed on probation for four years.

State v. Henry W. Cushing. Desertion of minor children. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; placed on probation for five years.

State v. Richard L. Hanson. Desertion of minor children. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; placed on probation for five years.

State v. Aubrey N. Heal. Breaking and entering and larceny. Five indictments by Strafford County Grand Jury February, 1952. Arraigned at Laconia March 7, 1952. Continued for sentence (committed on other charges).

State v. Lloyd H. Skillings and James I. Smith. Conspiracy. Case pending.

State v. James I. Smith. Aggravated assault. Case pending.

State v. Lamont Beaudette. Assault. Nol prossed at request of complainant.

State v. John E. Richardson. Desertion. Plea of guilty. Sentence one year and one day to fifteen months. Suspended. Placed on probation for five years.

State v. Rita M. White. Leaving scene of accident after causing property damage. Nol prossed for lack of evidence.

State v. Henry Watterson. Operating under influence. Nol prossed because of State Police evidence that respondent not guilty.

State v. Chester Earl Stewart. Assault. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. (Respondent returned to State Prison for violation of parole.)

State v. Deana Skaltsis. Selling alcoholic beverage in violation of law. Nol prossed because essential witness absent in military service.

State v. Lyle Frost. Selling alcoholic liquor without a license. Trial by Jury. Verdict of guilty. Sentence of \$100 fine and 90 days in House of Correction. 90 days suspended.

State v. William J. Roy. Operating motor vehicle under influence. Trial by Jury. Directed verdict of not guilty.

State v. Robert W. Mansfield. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to one year at hard labor in Strafford County House of Correction. Committed.

State v. Robert Roux. Operating under influence. Nol prossed for lack of evidence.

State v. Robert Francis Grenier. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to eight months at hard labor at Strafford County House of Correction. Committed.

State v. Raymond E. Abbott. Breaking and entering and larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to eight months at hard labor at Strafford County House of Correction. Committed.

State v. Bernard Sprague. Obtaining money by false pretenses. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to six months at hard labor at Strafford County House of Correction. Committed.

State v. Helen Donnelly. Reckless driving. Nol prossed for lack of evidence.

State v. Helen Donnelly. Assault. Plea of nolo. Continued for sentence.

State v. Leo Edward Sullivan. Desertion. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Payments ordered through N. H. Probation Department.

State v. Clifford Williams. Disturbing the peace. Plea of guilty. Fined \$25.00.

State v. John Ross. Using offensive language. Appeal from Dover Municipal Court. Nol prossed because of trivial nature of offense, lower court having imposed no sentence.

State v. Carlisle R. Goodrich. Gross lewdness. Trial by Jury. Verdict of guilty. Continued for sentence. Placed on probation for one year.

State v. Margaret Littlefield. Gross lewdness. Trial by Jury. Verdict of guilty. Continued for sentence. Placed on probation for one year.

State v. Eugene W. Allen. (Four charges, breaking and entering and larceny, robbery, and two charges of assault with intent to rob.) Plea of guilty to all four. On robbery charge, sentenced three to six years at State Prison. Committed. Other charges continued for sentence.

State v. Clarence W. Bissell. Escaping from House of Correction. Plea of guilty. Sentence of thirty days.

State v. George Powers. Escaping from House of Correction. Plea of guilty. Sentence of thirty days.

State v. Bernard Sprague. Escaping from House of Correction. Plea of guilty. Sentence of thirty days.

State v. Robert Francis Grenier. Escaping from House of Correction. Plea of guilty. Sentence of thirty days.

State v. Peter Roberge. Escaping from House of Correction. Plea of guilty. Sentence of thirty days.

State v. Nestor O. Lahtinen. Indictment for larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; probation for two years. Restitution of \$1,000.00 ordered.

State v. Thelma Boulet. Leaving scene of accident. Appeal from Rochester Municipal Court. Plea changed to guilty. Sentenced to ninety days at House of Correction.

State v. Elihu Watson Hayes. Aiding and abetting Thelma Boulet in leaving scene of accident. Appeal from Rochester Municipal Court. Plea changed to guilty. Sentenced to six months at House of Correction.

State v. Elson J. Lupien. Indictment for aggravated assault. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Probation for two years.

State v. Jacob Jacobson. Indictment for obtaining lumber by false pretenses. Also indictment for

obtaining property by means of worthless check. Respondent being in Massachusetts, extradition proceedings were commenced in September, 1952, but respondent at end of year still successfully opposing extradition.

State v. Russell Clifford Hulme. Breaking and entering and larceny in night-time. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; placed on probation for two years.

State v. Donald Grant. Unnatural act. Plea of not guilty by reason of mental derangement. Committed to State Hospital.

State v. Arnold Oxner. Assault. Case pending at end of year.

State v. Irving H. Anderson, Jr. Breaking and entering in night-time and larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. Richard Kinsman. Non-support. Case pending at end of year.

State v. Ernest W. Seigny. Operating under influence. Case pending.

State v. Fred P. Goodwin. Drunk. Case pending.

State v. Sumner E. Bragdon, Jr. Breaking and entering in night-time and larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; probation for two years.

State v. Helen Bragdon. Breaking and entering in night-time and larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence; probation for two years.

State v. Kendall P. Blake. Desertion. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Placed on probation for two years.

State v. Norman L. Farrand. Breaking and entering in night-time with intent to steal. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not more than three years nor less than one year and one day at State Prison. Committed.

State v. Albert J. Grant. Aiding in breaking and entering in the night-time and larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to House of Correction for one year. Committed.

State v. Michael T. Genchur. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

II. Other Matters

In addition to the above Superior Court cases, numerous other matters were handled in the course of the year. Many motor vehicle fatalities were investigated in order to determine whether any criminal conduct was involved. Several such cases were presented to municipal courts and in each instance the defendant was held for the Superior Court, February Term, 1953. The disposition of these cases will appear in my report for 1953. Other cases of a minor nature were tried in municipal courts. A heavy burden of investigation was carried on during the year in various felony cases unrelated to motor vehicle accidents. Numerous sexual-psychopath cases were processed and the respondent committed for psychiatric observation. Other cases have been presented to the Grand Jury and where the Grand Jury returned no bill, no mention of the matter is herein contained. Numerous non-support cases have been prosecuted in municipal courts, and proceedings have been commenced under the new law relating to interstate cooperation in the enforcement of support. Cases of extradition both to and from this state have been handled. Advice has been furnished to county and town officers on a wide range of problems.

In general, it must be said that new legislation, for example on reciprocal support, on sexual-psycho-paths, on alcoholics, and new laws raising certain motor vehicle offenses, and other offenses, to the status of a felony, keeps adding to the duties of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRANT,
County Solicitor.

REPORT OF SHERIFF

FEBRUARY TERM, 1952

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Chaplain, Rev. James F. Quimby, \$5 00

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

7 days' attendance at Court at \$8.00,	\$56 00	
54 days' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	540 00	
2 nights' attendance at Court at \$8.00,	16 00	
1 night's attendance at Court at \$10.00,	10 00	
360 miles' travel at 10c,	36 00	
26 meals,	27 65	
Transportation of Jury, 72 miles' travel at 10c,	7 20	
Transportation of prisoners for Court,	88 30	
Mittimus and returns (criminal),	4 00	
		785 15

To Hervey C. Tanner, Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid for newspapers (jurors), 60

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

32 days' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	\$320 00
4 nights' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	40 00
1,080 miles' travel at 10c,	108 00
30 meals,	30 55

Transportation of prisoners for Court,	17 55	
		516 10
EDWARD RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff		
3 days' attendance at Court at \$8.00,	\$24 00	
1 night's attendance at Court at \$8.00,	8 00	
40 miles' travel at 10c,	4 00	
2 meals,	2 00	
Transportation of Jury, 36 miles' travel at 10c,	3 60	
		41 60
WALTER E. ROUILLARD, Deputy Sheriff		
3 days' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	\$30 00	
108 miles' travel at 10c,	10 80	
3 meals,	3 40	
		44 20
HERBERT F. COLE, Deputy Sheriff		
18 days' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	\$180 00	
4 nights' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	40 00	
136 miles' travel at 10c,	13 60	
15 meals,	14 50	
Transportation of jury,	2 00	
Transportation of prisoners for Court,	1 50	
		251 60
NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff		
2 days' attendance at Court at \$10.00,	\$20 00	

20 miles' travel at 10c,	2 00	
2 meals,	2 25	
		<u>24 25</u>

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff

2 days' attendance at Court		
at \$8.00,	\$16 00	
1 meal,	90	
		<u>16 90</u>

FRANK D. MANNING, Special Deputy Sheriff

1 day's attendance at Court		
at \$8.00,	\$8 00	
1 day's attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	10 00	
20 miles' travel at 10c,	2 00	
1 meal,	1 00	
		<u>21 00</u>

PAUL LAGUEUX, Special Deputy Sheriff

5 days' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	\$50 00	
50 miles' travel at 10c,	5 00	
5 meals,	5 65	
Transportation of jury,	2 00	
		<u>62 65</u>
		<u>\$1,769 05</u>

Approved for \$1,769.05.

JOHN R. GOODNOW,
Presiding Justice.

WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff.

Received payment,

WILFRED J. PARE.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1952

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Chaplain, Rev. David E. Evans, \$5 00

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

55 days' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	\$550	00
360 miles' travel at 10c,	36	00
16 meals,	16	65
Transportation of prisoners		
for Court,	69	85
Summoning witnesses for Court,	12	40
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	684	90

To Hervey C. Tanner, Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid for newspapers (jurors), 60

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

37 days' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	\$370	00
7 nights' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	70	00
1,391 miles' travel at 10c,	139	10
38 meals,	39	40
Transportation of prisoners		
for Court,	6	10
Summoning witnesses for Court,	4	00
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	628	60

EDWARD RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

19 days' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	\$190	00
3 nights' attendance at Court		
at \$10.00,	30	00
380 miles' travel at 10c,	38	00
19 meals,	19	10
Summoning witnesses for Court,	60	
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	277	70

WALTER E. ROUILLARD, Deputy Sheriff

5 days' attendance at Court	
at \$10.00,	\$50 00
1 night's attendance at Court	
at \$10.00,	10 00
180 miles' travel at 10c,	18 00
4 meals,	4 15
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	82 15

SIMONNE LADOUCEUR, Special Deputy Sheriff

1 day's attendance at Court	
at \$10.00,	10 00
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	\$1,688 95

Approved for \$1,688.95.

WILLIAM A. GRIMES,
Presiding Justice.

WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff.

Received payment,
WILFRED J. PARE.

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

The Commissioners of Strafford County, Dover, N. H.
Gentlemen:

As the year came to an end, a new assignment, transferring me from Dover to Gorham, terminated my work at the Strafford County Home and House of Correction. It is, therefore, with some regret and deep gratitude due many that I make this report.

During the year, the number of trips to the Institution is recorded at twenty-eight, as follows:

20 regular trips for Confessions, Mass and Holy Communion.

2 for Easter and Christmas Masses.

6 special trips.

The total Mass attendance and sacraments administered was over 350.

Though gratifying and pleasant as the task of caring for the spiritual welfare of the Catholic inmates may have been, due especially to the benevolent attention and consideration of the Superintendent and the Matron of the Institution, it is the response of the aged, the needy and the sick, and, manifested in their simple way, the sincere appreciation for services rendered that have made it most encouraging.

It is my pleasant duty to thank very sincerely all those to whom I am indebted for their kind cooperation: Mr. and Mrs. Lepene and their Staff; Rev. Albert Burque, for having willingly substituted for me in December; also the members of St. Charles' Choir for volunteering to sing at both the Easter and Christmas Masses.

At the request of Commissioner Paradis, Duffy and Tanner, whose interest has made this work possible, I have been happy to serve. To them, I wish to express much gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOSEPH A. TURGEON.

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

February 12, 1953

County Commissioners, Court House, Dover, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I would like to take this opportunity to report to you concerning my activities as Protestant Chaplain at the County Farm and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1952.

During the past year it was my privilege to minister to the spiritual needs of the inmates at the County Farm. Every Sunday afternoon a religious service was conducted, either by myself or by some other minister. Along with a spiritual message, there was always special music provided and group singing. I found that the inmates of the Home were very appreciative of these services and truly believe that many of the folk were strengthened in their faith.

I also made week-day calls in the Home throughout the year. On these visits I had opportunity to reach many of the folk who could not attend the regular Sunday services. Magazines and other forms of helpful literature were distributed to the inmates.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Commissioners and the superintendent of the farm in providing this spiritual ministry. Every consideration was accorded to me in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. WESSEL,
Protestant Chaplain.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the year 1952 as Strafford County Home Physician.

Visits to County Home and County Jail,	50
Emergency visits to County Home,	12
Emergency visits to County Jail,	2
Office visits by inmates,	6
Number of deaths,	6
Average age of death, 79 years, 8 months,	

The County Home is well run by capable personnel and the inmates lack nothing in physical care which is within the power of the staff to provide. In particular, I would like to mention the thoughtful care given the ailing aged and those confined to the infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. HARTIGAN, M.D.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE STRAFFORD COUNTY FOR 1952

To the Board of County Commissioners of Strafford County

Gentlemen:

The duties of the Agricultural Agent are to channel to the people in the County the new facts about farming which are the results of research by our Land Grant Colleges and the Department of Agriculture.

Not only have we taught farmers to produce better livestock and crops, but we have worked with retailers on the display and handling of these commodities so that the consumer may be able to purchase a quality product.

We also try to handle all requests from both rural and urban people with their problems of livestock and crops—what to do for diseases and insects in gardens, lawns, shade trees, etc., what fertilizers and sprays to use.

Strafford is the only County in the State to foster different breed organizations of dairy cattle.

The Young Farmers group, consisting of young men and women, meet at least once a month where subject matter materials is discussed and some recreation is enjoyed.

Periodic information is sent to poultrymen explaining management of flocks. Through the news, radio, circular letters, meetings, and personal visits, information is disseminated to people in the County.

The County Extension Office, located in Roches-

ter, is open from Monday through Saturday noon to be of service to all.

At this time I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to the work of the Extension Service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. ADAMS,
County Agricultural Agent.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY FORESTER

The aim of the County Forestry work is to assist and guide landowners in the management of their woodlands and the marketing of their forest products. Good management of their woodlands means a continuous income to the land owner, more stability for forest product using industries, and higher recreational value for the County in the form of more scenic landscape and better wildlife habitats which will furnish more hunting and fishing.

The County Forester divides his time equally between Strafford and Belknap Counties. During November, Mr. Bradley submitted his resignation as County Forester. The new County Forester reported for work on December 15th, 1952. There was a period of about one month when the district was without a forester.

The following is a summary of work in both counties.

During the year, 108 woodland owners involving 11,182 acres were given assistance by the County For-

ester. One million ninety-one thousand board feet of sawable timber and 562 cords of pulpwood and fuelwood were marked for partial cutting operations. The landowners received a gross income of approximately \$55,062.00 for all products harvested under improved forestry practices.

Local lumbermen and operators were contacted to obtain information for the annual Forest Market Bulletin. This bulletin and many others are free, and may be obtained by contacting your County Forester.

The County Forester participated in 22 meetings within the district and forestry exhibits were displayed at the Belknap Farm and Home Show and the Rochester Fair.

During the past year, woodland owners, operators and selectmen in the district were given assistance in working with the conservation phases of the timber tax law.

As in previous years, 80 per cent of the Foresters' time was spent in the field making woodland visits and assisting land-owners with marketing problems.

Requests for the forester services by the woodland owners during the year were so great that the forester was unable to meet all of them. It is hoped that this situation created by a forester having two counties may be corrected in the future with a full time forester for each county.

Submitted by,

ROGER S. LEIGHTON,
County Forester.

REPORT OF THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

A brief report of Home Demonstration work during the year 1952.

I. The Overall Objectives of the Home Demonstration program were as follows:

1. In order to budget time and energy satisfactorily, women having a reduced amount of time to spend on managing of their homes and caring for their families need to know the most efficient methods of performing household tasks, as well as what services are available to them to assist them with their responsibilities of supervising family health.

2. In order to meet the high cost of living, and maintain a reasonable degree of financial security, women need to be capable consumer buyers, they need to be informed on methods of budgeting money, they need to be able to make buying vs. making vs. doing-without decisions, and they need to be able to evaluate their standards of living in relation to their family values, their long time plans, and the present economic situation.

3. In order to maintain a high degree of family relationships and a sound family organization, the woman who works outside the home needs the emotional support of her entire family as well as their active assistance in running the home. The best co-operation can be achieved when each family member understands and helps formulate and feels he is contributing to the long-time family objectives. Some families need assistance in developing this type of family organization.

4. The mother of young children who works outside the home has special problems of child care which she needs to be able to meet satisfactorily. These problems involve not only the physical well-being of the child, but also his feelings of emotional security.

5. The young woman who does not work outside the home generally has less income than does the homemaker who is gainfully employed, but she has more time to devote to homemaking tasks, and she will be able to maintain a higher standard of living for her family if she knows how to perform for her household many of the services and make for her home and family many of the articles for which the working woman has to pay cash.

6. The special problems of the older woman often involve a contracting income with which to meet the needs of her contracting family, as well as finding constructive outside outlets for her somewhat diminished energies.

7. In view of the fact that the defense effort of our country requires the intelligent cooperation of every individual, women need to be informed with respect to their responsibilities as citizens and how these can best be performed. Inasmuch as the preservation of peace depends on a mutual understanding of the mutual values and objectives of many nations, women can work more effectively to maintain peace if they understand and appreciate the people of other lands who are working for the same goals.

II. The Objectives of the Home Demonstration program, as outlined above, have been achieved as follows:

1. Information on time and labor saving methods in the care and storage of kitchen equipment has been

provided through projects on the Storage of Small Equipment and the Sharpening of Knives and Scissors, and through bulletins.

2. The services of the State Health Department, with respect to Chest X-Rays, dental care, maternal and child health, home nursing, and the testing of water supplies have been explained to all, with encouragement to use there services as needed.

3. Homemakers have been encouraged to perform as much community service as their time and strength permits, and each home demonstration group has been urged to conduct at least one community service project a year. These groups have provided major assistance in the cancer education and home service program, which has made more conscious of the importance of early treatment for cancer and regular physical examinations. By providing toys and other gifts for the District Nurses to distribute to needy children at Christmas time, home demonstration group members have become more aware of their own blessings and more conscious of the needs of others and of the responsibility each one has for caring for the less fortunate.

4. By means of projects on "The Family Fights Inflation," "Longer Life Through Care," "Buy With An Eye On Care," "Refinishing Furniture," "Chair-seating," "The Use of Color and Line in the Home," "Wise Choices In Buying Food," "Know Your Proteins," "The Food Buyer Knows Her Business," "Making A Blouse," "Making A Skirt," "Making Men's and Boys' Shirts," "Making Gifts," "Sewing Shortcuts," and "Tailoring Suits and Coats," and "Pattern Alteration," and by means of bulletins, weekly and monthly food market reports and other printed material used in the monthly circular letters, the newspapers, and

on the radio, homemakers were assisted with the planning of family expenditures, with the development of long-time financial plans, with buying vs. making decisions in the areas of clothing and home furnishings, and with regular up-to-date information on the best buys in foods.

5. By means of the clothing, food, and home furnishings projects mentioned above, homemakers were also assisted with the development of skills and techniques which enable them to prepare nourishing, attractive good-tasting meals at the lowest possible cost, to make attractive, serviceable clothing and household articles at less cost than they could purchase them ready made and at little cost, to restore to usefulness and beauty articles of furniture which would cost many dollars to replace.

6. Such improvements in the management of the home, and the making of useful and beautiful articles for her family and home and friends, have provided for homemakers the satisfactions and stimuli of praise and admiration from her friend and family, and make it possible for her to play her role of homemaker proudly and with a sense of achievement.

7. Many homemakers have been able to add materially to the family income through the sale of services they have learned to perform or articles they have learned to make through the home demonstration program. In several cases these at-home earnings have been the deciding factor in enabling a mother of young children to remain in the home and not take an outside job.

8. Through becoming more expert at performing household tasks and managing their homes, homemakers have been provided with more time for out-

side activities, whether gainful employment or community service as the case may be.

9. By means of leaflets provided by the State Office of Civil Defense and distributed by the Agent, and by means of articles in the monthly circular letter families have been informed on matters of civil defense and encouraged to take measures to provide for emergencies. Two groups have taken First Aid courses and all have been urged to do so. By means of the project on United Nations, the project on Foods From Many Lands, and the meetings on Utilizing Our Community Resources and Our Responsibilities as Citizens, homemakers have been helped to understand their citizen responsibilities not only to the community, but to the State, the Nation, and the World.

III. Specific results as reported by homemakers:

1. Mrs. Jane Wyatt, Dover mother of three pre-school children writes, "Buying in season and using helpful hints I find in the newsletter, and using home-made mixes which save me considerable time, a valuable asset. I feel I have cut down my food costs about 20% on a yearly basis."

2. Mrs. Clara Baer, Rollinsford farm homemaker writes, "I believe the meeting on 'Wise Choices in Buying Food' was the one I got the most help from; I passed the information on to a lot of people." Mrs. Baer also mentions the helpfulness of the leaflet on canning and freezing small potatoes, as weather conditions in this area resulted in many small potatoes in an overall small crop of potatoes.

3. Mrs. Helen O'Malley of Somersworth writes, "On sewing along this year I have saved at least one hundred fifty dollars by being able to fit myself better since having had Pattern Alteration lessons. I

made a suit, dresses, skirts, and bolero. I also altered to my size a gabardine suit and topper which were given me. Being able to do this saved me at least seventy-five dollars." Mrs. O'Malley also reports, "—From the accumulation of gift suggestions, I will save twenty dollars this Christmas at least."

4. With respect to the project on Men's and Boys' Shirts, Mrs. George Janetos, a new member of the Rollinsford group, and a beginning sewer, writes, "I was given several yards of black and red plaid wool. I made a large man's shirt at three meetings. My only expense was twenty cents for thread and thirty-five cents for facing material. The cheapest shirts I have seen, of this type, were eight dollars and ninety-five cents, so I would say I saved close to nine dollars and enjoyed myself in the bargain."

5. Mrs. Leo Cater of Somersworth, mother of three little girls, has sent to the Agent the following statement of her accomplishments this year, through what she has learned in home demonstration classes:

Articles Made	Cost to Approximate		
	Make	Cost to buy	Saved
Two Sandypants (stuffed toys)		\$6.00	\$6.00
Wool Gabardine suit	\$23.00	60.00	37.00
Child's wool gabardine suit	4.00	18.00	14.00
Child's coat (made over)		15.00	15.00
Child's winter coat (made over)		20.00	20.00
Child's snowsuit (made over)		20.00	20.00
Blouse (material given)		3.00	3.00
Skirt	1.00	4.00	3.00
Costumaker handbag	1.00	3.00	2.00
Swedish weaving bag	1.00	Sold it for	\$5.00 4.00
	\$30.00	\$154.00	\$124.00

6. Mrs. John Murray, Bow Lake, mother of three tall school boys, writes "In making suits for my three boys and myself I have saved tremendously this year. Three boys' suits cost me under fifteen dollars, and to purchase would have cost at least sixty dollars, a saving of forty-five dollars. Then I've made two suits for myself which would sell for at least twenty-nine dollars each, and these cost me less than fifteen dollars for the two, a saving of forty-three dollars."

7. In connection with the project on Shortcuts in Sewing, Mrs. Marilla Hobbs of Rochester states that members of her group report using this information in the construction and repair of eighty-five garments, and she further states that the information received on Children's Clothing has been used in the construction of fifty garments.

8. The amounts of money which Strafford County homemakers report having saved by learning to do their own slipcovering, upholstering, refinishing, and reseating of furniture are certainly noteworthy. Following are a few excerpts from statements received by the Agent this year:

From Mrs. Lillian Morrison of East Rochester: an estimated saving of ten dollars in making a slipcover.

From Mrs. Jane Wyatt of Dover: a saving of ten dollars in reseating of a chair.

From Mrs. Austin Griffin of Dover: an estimated saving of four dollars by reseating a chair.

From Mrs. Ethel Hayes of Farmington: an estimated saving of fifty-six dollars by caning twenty-six chairs (a very low estimate).

From Mrs. Janis Ratcliffe of Rochester: savings of four dollars and thirty-five cents on caning chairs.

From Mrs. Helen Snook of Dover Point: savings of twenty-five dollars by caning six chairs.

From Mrs. John Murray of Bow Lake: savings of eighty-one dollars and fifteen cents by remodelling, upholstering, and slipcovering a sofa, and refinishing a chest, and earnings of fifty dollars by making slipcovers for neighbors, with more business in the offing.

From Mrs. Edna Twombly of Madbury: savings of seven dollars by slipcovering a chair and reseating a chair.

From Mrs. Georgis Merrill of Dover Point: savings of seventeen dollars and fifty cents by caning three chairs and a canoe seat, as well as a gift of 1,000 feet of caning in return for caning a chair for a friend.

From Mrs. Thomas Keefe of Barrington: an estimated saving of seven dollars and fifty cents for caning two chairs.

Mrs. Margaret Furlong of Rochester: a probable saving of six dollars by refinishing a table.

From Mrs. Prescott Campbell of Dover: savings of thirteen dollars and five cents by caning three chairs and putting a rush seat in one chair.

From Mrs. Ann Munson of Dover: savings of eight dollars and three cents by reseating two chairs and seven dollars by reupholstering an old piano stool.

From Mrs. Clarence Calef of Barrington: savings of thirteen dollars and thirty-six cents on caning of seats of two chairs and the back of one chair.

From Mrs. Ressie Bowser of Milton Mills: savings of four dollars on caning a chair.

From Mrs. Flora Watson of Dover Point: savings

of twelve dollars and five cents by putting new rush seats in three chairs.

From Mrs. Sarah E. Jordan of Milton: savings of eleven dollars and eighty-four cents by caning two chairs.

From Mrs. Ann Tuttle of Rochester: a probable savings of thirty-five dollars by refinishing a maple breakfast set.

From Mrs. Ruth Mapother of Rochester: a probable savings of thirty-five dollars by refinishing a breakfast set.

Mrs. Irena George of Dover Point: a probable savings of twenty-four dollars by putting rush seats in two chairs and splint seats in two chairs. (The commercial charge for rush seating is very high.)

From Mrs. Mary Davis of Farmington: savings of twenty dollars and eighty-five cents by caning four dining room chairs.

From Mrs. Gertrude Welch of Madbury: savings of about fifteen dollars by caning two chairs.

From Mrs. Louis Bickford of Rochester: an estimated savings of eighty-six dollars by reupholstering a divan and two chairs.

From Mrs. Alice Brown of Rochester: savings of five dollars on a slipcover made for her by a member of her home demonstration group.

From Mrs. Joan Hamilton of Rollinsford: a probable savings of five dollars by caning a chair.

From Mrs. Ruth Caverly of Bow Lake: a probable savings of six dollars by refinishing a coffee table.

From Mrs. Annie Perry of Milton Mills: savings

of eight dollars and fifty cents by caning two chairs.

From Mrs. Jean Scribner of Bow Lake: an estimated savings of eight dollars by refinishing a chair.

Mrs. E. R. Mountain of Milton Mills: savings of thirteen dollars and five cents by caning three chairs.

From Mrs. Carrie Ellis of Meaderboro: savings of five dollars by caning a chair, and earnings of eleven dollars by caning two chairs for others.

From Mrs. Grace Hayes of Milton: savings of ten dollars slipcovering a chair and earnings of fifty dollars caning chairs for others. Also earned money by teaching caning to groups in other organizations.

From Mrs. Lugina Farrow, of Barrington; savings of fifteen dollars by remaking a baby crib mattress and four dollars by recovering a hassock. To her report, Mrs. Farrow adds, "It is not easy to figure in dollars and cents the comfort and cheerfulness gained by the time spent on restoring old things." However, the combined savings as stated in the foregoing reports from thirty-one women, on these four projects alone, (i. e. chairseating, slipcovering, upholstering, and refinishing) total six hundred ninety-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents, an average of twenty-two dollars and forty-nine cents per family. Since those reporting represent but a small percentage of all who have received instruction on these subjects through home demonstration group classes, one may judge that this area of the program represents a very substantial benefit to the financial economy of Strafford County families.

9. The classes taught by the Agent, on Sharpening Knives and Scissors have resulted in some interesting reports from homemakers. Mrs. Louise Fowler of Rochester estimates that learning to sharpen her

own knives and scissors has resulted in a savings of about four dollars, Mrs. Lillian Morrison of East Rochester reports a saving of two dollars, Mrs. Martha Lamb of Rochester estimates that she has saved one dollar and fifty cents, and Mrs. Austin Griffin of Dover states that she has saved several dollars in this way. Mrs. John Hamilton of Rollinsford reports she now sharpens all the knives and scissors in her home, and Mrs. Ressie Bowser of Milton Mills states that knowing how to sharpen her own knives and scissors makes her work much easier. This is the type of project which brings returns over a period of many years, not especially in money saved but in convenience and personal satisfaction. Although no new instruction in the use and care of sewing machines has been given this year, women continue to use the information gained in past years' sewing machine clinics. Mrs. Lillian Morrison of East Rochester states in her report that she saved five dollars by cleaning and oiling her own machine, which is in constant use, and Mrs. Maida Murray of Bow Lake writes that she cleaned and adjusted a sewing machine for a neighbor.

10. Mrs. Alice Douglas of Crown Point especially mentions savings effected by measuring soap powder, as taught in a last year's project "Kleenkwick."

11. As previously stated, finding a means of supplementing the family income is a major need of some homemakers, and illustrating how this has been achieved by one homemaker is a report from the Middleton group which states that the daughter of one member (name on request) has sold enough stuffed toys, made from a pattern in the gift kit, to pay her property taxes, her husband's and her own poll taxes, and the cost of insuring her husband's car. In addition, the Dover Point group reports that two members

Mrs. Charlotte Swain and Mrs. Irene Wakefield, sold forty-five of the same item at two dollars apiece for a total of ninety dollars, and are now taking orders from Howard Johnson Company at the same price (two dollars each) which sells this item for three dollars each.

12. Our trained leaders continue to teach and extend to others the information received at training schools long after the original project is forgotten. Mrs. Annie Chasse of Somersworth, an Extension leader of many years' standing, writes, "If I started, this paper would never be large enough to tell you what I've learned through the Extension Service—I have shown so many sewing tricks to my friends and neighbors, I can never remember from one time to the next who has borrowed my sewing machine attachments."

Additional information may be obtained by reading the Agent's Annual Report of Home Demonstration Work, available at the County Extension Office, Rochester, N. H.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY SMITH WEEKS,

Home Demonstration Agent.

REPORT OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB WORK

Club work is open to all girls and boys in the County between the ages of nine and twenty-one. It includes project work by clubs and members; also activities. Projects include jobs in homes and the surroundings. Most popular are clothing, gardening and crafts. Activities such as Exhibiting, camp and demonstrating attract many members. Community services, such as Cancer, Crippled Children, and Red Cross drives, as well as kindness to the sick and unfortunate are all a part of our program.

This year's program has been good. A leveling off in membership seems to have resulted in better project work and a more stable type of program. Fair exhibits indicate better and more project accomplishments. Leadership has been good. Interest and co-operation both in and outside of our program is high, participation in county events has been excellent and interest is being built up in State and National events. Community service seems to be at its highest ebb.

We plan to continue our 4-H building program. To increase our drive for social improvement of members, continue stressing project work, more trained Leaders, and strive for programs of general interest at our county functions.

At this time the 4-H department wishes to express thanks to all who so generously gave of time and funds in order that our program would succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY W. MANN,

County Club Agent.

